

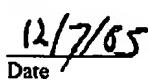
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on 9/7/2005, having a shortened statutory response period that extends through 12/7/2005, please continue examination under 37 CFR 1.114. Please amend the claims as hereinafter indicated and reconsider their patentability.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.